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In re Application of:

TIMOTHY K. SEARFOSS

Serial No.

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Group Art Unit:

Title: TRAILER COVER SYSTEM

## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22202-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.98, Applicant would like to call the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449.

Applicant believes that none of the listed references, alone or in combination disclose or suggest Applicant's claimed invention.

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Respectfully submitted,

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